

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Okumura et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), for patent applications filed on or after November 29, 1999, subject matter developed by another person which qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) shall not preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. § 103 where the subject matter in the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same persons or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. As set forth in M.P.E.P. § 2141.01, for patent applications filed prior to November 29, 1999, 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) is limited to subject matter developed by another person which qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) and 35 U.S.C. § 102(g).

The present application (application serial number 09/654,943) and Kim were, at the time of the invention of the present application, made and owned by LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 5 and their respective dependant claims are allowable.

Applicant believes the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

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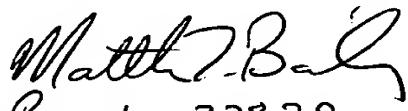
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